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1. GOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE RELEASED A "BRIEFING PAPER" MAY 17 ENTITLED "REPLY TO TURKISH ALLEGATIONS" CONCERNING STATUS OF GREEK CYPRIOTS IN KARPASS REGION AS LATEST IN SERIES OF CHARGE AND COUNTERCHARGE BETWEEN GOC AND TFSC (REFTEL). PAPER REVIEWS GOC'S VERSION OF RESTRICTIONS AND CONTROLS ON KARPASS GREEK CYPRIOTS BUT IT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT RESTRICTIVE MEASURES WERE

"RELAXED A LITTLE AFTER EASTER." PAPER QUESTIONS
WHETHER EASE-UP WILL ENDURE BEYOND EASTER SCHOOL
HOLIDAY AND STATES THAT "IT IS NO ACCIDENT" RELAXATION
OCCURRED WHILE EMBARGO QUESTION IS BEFORE U.S. CONGRESS.
IN ANY EVENT, PAPER ACCUSES TFSC OFFICIALS OF CONTINUING TO
DENY THE ENCLAVED RIGHT TO ENTER GOC-CONTROLLED AREA FOR
MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT, NOT ALLOWING FREE
CONTACT OR COMMUNICATION WITH THEIR RELATIVES IN THE SOUTH
AND CONTINUING WITH THE AIM OF EXPULSION OF THE ENCLAVED.

2. COMMENT: GOC'S CHARGES IN ABOVE SENTENCE ARE
ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE, BUT NOT STARTLING. ENCLAVED
GREEK CYPRIOTS RECEIVE ESSENTIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT IN
TURKISH CYPRIOT HOSPITALS. OCCASIONALLY IN CASES
OF EXTREME EMERGENCY, TFSC HAS PERMITTED CROSSING IF RE-
QUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR TREATMENT WAS NOT AVAILABLE IN
NORTH. WITH RECENT OPENING OF NEW USAID-EQUIPPED
HOSPITAL IN NORTH, NUMBER OF SUCH EXCEPTIONS WILL
PROBABLY DECREASE. THERE IS NO MAIL DELIVERY BETWEEN
NORTH AND SOUTH, WITH EXCEPTION RED CROSS MESSAGES.
GREEK CYPRIOTS CANNOT SEND MAIL TO RELATIVES IN THE NORTH
THROUGH INTERNATIONAL MAIL BECAUSE GOC FOR POLITICAL REASONS
WILL NOT ACKNOWLEDGE TFSC'S MERSIN 10, TURKEY MAILING
ADDRESS. ICRC HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE THIS HUMANITARIAN
ISSUE. TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES MAY STILL RETAIN AS A GOAL
AN ESSENTIALLY GREEK CYPRIOT-FREE NORTH, BUT AS RECENT RELAXATION
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OF RESTRICTIONS DEMONSTRATES, SMALL NUMBER OF GREEK CYPRIOTS
REMAINING SEEMS TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THEM. END COMMENT.
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